

What is claimed is:

1. A holder for a magnetic transfer device,
comprising:

5 a first holder portion and a second holder portion which
are movable toward and away from each other and between which
there is formed an interior space where a master carrier with
information is held in intimate contact with a slave medium;

10 wherein at least one of said first and second holder
portions has an interior pressing surface provided with an elastic
member having elastic characteristics;

and wherein said elastic member has a deformation
quantity of 5 to 500 μm in a pressure-applied direction when
pressure is applied.

2. The holder as set forth in claim 1, wherein said
15 elastic member has an elastic modulus of 5 to 200 MPa.

3. The holder as set forth in claim 1, wherein said
elastic member has a press portion whose thickness fluctuation
is 100 μm or less.

4. The holder as set forth in claim 2, wherein said
20 elastic member has a press portion whose thickness fluctuation
is 100 μm or less.

5. The holder as set forth in claim 1, wherein said
elastic member has suction apertures.

6. A holder for a magnetic transfer device,
25 comprising:

a first holder portion and a second holder portion which

are movable toward and away from each other and between which there is formed an interior space where first and second master carriers with information are held in intimate contact with both sides of a slave medium;

5 wherein said first holder portion has a pressing surface on which said first master carrier and said slave medium are held, and said second holder portion has a pressing surface against which said second master carrier is pressed;

10 and wherein a compressive deformation quantity of the pressing surface of said first holder portion when pressure is applied is greater than that of the pressing surface of said second holder portion.

15 7. The holder as set forth in claim 6, wherein the pressing surfaces of said first and second holder portions are both constructed of an elastic member.

8. The holder as set forth in claim 7, wherein the elastic member of the first holder portion has an elastic modulus smaller than that of the elastic member of the second holder portion.

20 9. The holder as set forth in claim 7, wherein the elastic member of the first holder portion has a thickness greater than that of the elastic member of the second holder portion.

25 10. The holder as set forth in claim 6, wherein the first pressing surface of said first holder portion is constructed of an elastic member, and the second pressing surface of said second holder portion is constructed of a rigid body.